

**MILAN AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Milan Area Schools Board of Education was called to order by President Kiger at 7:00 p.m. on September 13, 2017.

Board Members Present: Cislo, Kiger, Landingham, Peacock, Heikka, Vershum (7:15pm)
Moccio (7:17 pm)

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bryan Girbach, Ryan McMahon, Krista Hendrix, Anne Foor, Shanna Spickard, Krissy Collier, Nichole Kuenzel, Pam Smaby, Laura Perry, Lindsey Segrist, Emily Leach

Guests Present: Trisha Lurette, Margie Knechtel, Crystal Jones

Pledge of Allegiance

The Middle School Improvement Update was presented to the Board by the Administration and staff at MMS.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Peacock supported by Heikka to approve the consent agenda that includes the minutes of the regular meeting of August 16, 2017, the minutes of the workshop meeting of August 30, 2017, and the approval of payment of bills/reimbursement of expenses. All Ayes. Carried 5-0

Motion by Cislo supported by Peacock to approve the Reproductive Health Curriculum changes as presented. All Ayes. Carried 7-0

Superintendent's Comments:

Pupil Count

While very preliminary, the current pupil count in the district is looking very promising. Below are some specific numbers for past and current pupil counts. Please know that the current numbers will fluctuate between now and the October Count Day.

- 2,189 Fall 2016
- 2,168 Spring 2017
- 2,169 Current
- 2,150 Budget (\$7,631 per pupil)
- 215 - 2017 Graduates vs. 134 – Kindergarteners (81 FTE Difference)

Students

- The start of the 2017-2018 school year has been very smooth. The students, teachers, support staff, parents, and community, have helped get this year off in a manner that is completely conducive to outstanding educational practices.
- The Symons and MHS Open houses were very successful. The high school's new format allowed the teachers to share important information with every person attending.

Staff

- The two staff Professional Development days in August were a huge success. The staff is already working hard to accomplish both our district and building priorities for the year.
- Mrs. Pinkowski (Paddock Teacher) had a baby girl. Callie, mom, and dad are doing great.
- A huge thank you goes out to Krista Hendrix and Rebecca Muessig for preparing a payroll for this Friday that includes all contract changes for the vast majority of our employees.

General

- The new district web page is up and running. We are very pleased with the launch and look forward to continuing to improve our communication with the community and the world via the new and improved milanareaschools.org.

Communication

- The district currently has 558 Twitter followers. That is up 15 from last meeting.
- The district currently has 1,352 Facebook followers. That is up 3 from last meeting.

Board

- At the September Workshop meeting, the agenda will include a MHS presentation, Diversity Goal work, an introduction of this year's new teachers, and the initial preparation for the Superintendent's Evaluation.
- At the October Regular meeting, the agenda will include a Paddock presentation and a discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation.
- At the October Workshop meeting, the agenda will include a Symons presentation.

Assistant Superintendent McMahon gave a brief overview on the results of the M-STEP test.

Assistant Superintendent's Comments:

Assistant Superintendent McMahon commented on the great start to the new year. McMahon traveled to all 4 buildings and commented on how all the staff members handled the new year head. He stated that they all did an amazing job of directing students to where they needed to be, making it a smooth start to the beginning of another great year.

Board Member Comments:

- Board Member Moccio spoke about how she liked the new format of the HS Open House and thought the teachers did a great job. Moccio did understand that it could be problematic for parents with more than one child in the HS.

- Board Member Heikka also stated that she liked the new format for the HS Open House and thought it was successful. Heikka also attended the Symons Open House and especially liked the scavenger hunt. She thought it was engaging for both parents and students.
- Board Member Vershum discussed her concern about the new HS Open House format. Specifically, she was concerned for families with two or more students in the HS.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Heikka supported by Peacock to enter into closed session as allowed by the Open Meetings Act for Periodic Superintendent Evaluation. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Time entered closed session 7:58 p.m.

Motion by Heikka supported by Peacock to return to open session. All Ayes. Carried 7-0.

Time returned to open session 9:03 p.m.

Time of Adjournment: 9:03 p.m.